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## Heavy Schedule Is Arranged for College Cagers

First Game of Season to Be Friday Night at Kansas City Against Catholic Community Club Quintet.

An admirable basketball schedule, beginning with a game in Kansas City Friday night, and ending with a conference tilt at home on March 1, has been arranged for the College Bearcats by Athletic Director Lawrence.

This schedule, composed of sixteen games, embraces twelve conference meetings with other teachers college teams and four non-conference battles. Coach Lawrence will leave Friday morning for Kansas City where the Bearcats will meet the Catholic Community Club team of that city at 9 o'clock Friday night at the Armory. The C. C. C. is a new team composed of several players who were with the Kansas City Athletic Club last season. It is a strong team and one which may be looked on to finish well up in the national tourney this spring. This game will be a true tester for the Bearcats and will give followers of the team a chance to compare their men with leading competition. True, the Kansas Cityans will have an edge, for they are already well along in their season and, this will be the first game of the year for the Bearcats, champions of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association last year.

Line-up Is Uncertain  
Mr. Lawrence will likely take a squad of about nine players to Kansas City. His starting lineup will not be known until Friday, as he is having a real problem in selecting his best combination of five players. Likely Ungles, Burks, Berst, and Captain Joy will be among the starters, and it is possible that either Hedges or Ferguson will be the fifth man, but at the last moment some other players may nose into starting formation.

The first game of the season at home will be on January 13, when the Tarkio College five will come here for the first of a two game series. Tarkio and Maryville have been rivals in all branches of sport for a number of years, but lately the Bearcats have had the edge, in football and basketball particularly. However, Coach Pittenger claims to have a strong squad at Tarkio this year, and the game should draw well here.

On January 19 the Catholic Community Club team will come to Maryville for a return game with the Bearcats, and then local fandom will have an opportunity to see a number of outstanding players in action. Among the luminaries on the C. C. C. are Fred Ford, Bobby Sanders, Ed Fetting, and Gross, all members of the Kansas City Athletic Club team which played here last year. In addition, Armand Soph, stellar star with the Warrensburg Teachers for the last three years, is with the club.

Conference Opens Jan. 28  
Maryville will go to Tarkio for the return game with the Tarks on January 24, and then everything will be ready for the opening of the conference season with Springfield here on January 28 and 29.

The Springfield team is already talked of as a strong contender for the conference title, and certainly the Bears will be smarting under two football and two basketball defeats at the hands of the Bearcats in the last year and a half. They will come to Maryville fortified to win if winning is possible. There will be a breathing spell after these games, until February 9, unless present plans work out and the Bearcats meet Westminster during those days. If not, they will be idle and will play their first away-from-home conference game at Cape Girardeau on the ninth. Then, after skipping a day, they will play two at Kirksville on February 11 and 12.

Coach Lawrence is just as set on a victory at Kirksville as Springfield is set on winning here. Don Faurot is proving himself quite a coach at the Northeast Missouri school, and his basketball team this year will bear watching.

Many Games in a Row  
The Bearcats will race back home after the Kirksville games in order to be here to entertain Cape Girardeau when the Indians come here for a pair of games on the fifteenth and sixteenth. And then there will be a moment for them to catch their breath, and along will come the Warrensburg Mules for a game on the twenty-first.

Back on the road the team will go after this game, and it will meet Springfield on February 23, and will

then go to Warrensburg for games on February 25 and 26. And then the Bearcats will be through with the road for the year. Their final game of the season will be in Maryville on March 1 with Kirksville.

So, the conference race for the Bearcats will end at home. This will prove attractive for local followers of the game, and will keep the interest strong until the last. It is highly possible that the final game may decide the championship of the association, if the Bearcats play the brand of basketball of which they are capable. Although no set-ups are likely, followers of the team predict that it will be as strong as last year when the conference flag was won.

## College to Take Part in Debate in Two Leagues

Squad Now Working Under Direction of Miss Eastman—Two subjects of Argument Being Studied.

Maryville State Teachers College will be a member of two leagues in debating this year. One will be the five Teachers Colleges of Missouri, and the other will be the schools of the West; Omaha University, Tarkio College, Peru State Teachers College and Maryville.

Debates may be arranged with Park College, Central and the Kansas City Law School. Several schools in Kansas have asked that debates be scheduled, but no definite arrangements have been made at the present time. It is possible that other debates will be scheduled in the near future.

It will be necessary for Maryville to have two questions to debate this year. The question for debate with the Colleges of the west is, Resolved that; Congress Should Enact Legislation To Embody The Principles of the McNary-Haugen Bill. Maryville will have a team on both the negative and the affirmative sides of the question. This is a live issue and a question of general interest to the of Agriculture section of the Middle West.

The question with the Teachers Colleges is, Resolved; That the Direct Primary Should be Abandoned in favor of Nominating Local, State, and National officials. Maryville will support both sides of this question.

Says Prospects are Good  
Miss Eastman reports that prospects for a successful year in debating are good. A number of successful debaters have already signified their intentions of the opportunity of working for them and for the school on an enterprise in which no one can lose.

Miss Eastman is hoping to use the squad system of debating this year. This is used in many of the larger Colleges of the country and can be used successfully in a school of this size. In the squad system, everyone showing promise of making a debator is given a chance to debate. This destroys the idea of only four people being able to make the debating team. The debate coach is hoping to use at least ten to represent the College in the various contests of the season.

The Faculty is anxious to see creditable debating done by this school. Debating develops the individual debator. (Continued on Page 3)

## "Hickory" Leech Tells President How the College Bearcats Received Their Name

With the question of a possible change in the College colors and College emblem still fresh in the minds of students and alumni, there comes the question of just where did the name "Bearcat" originate. The College athletic teams have been known as Bearcats for a number of years, and no one seemed to know just where the word originated.

Someone said that the players chose the name when the first athletic teams were formed here. Others gave the credit to teachers or coaches.

But the whole matter has been explained by "Hickory" Leech, former Bearcat and connected with the schools for a number of years. "Hickory" told the story to President Lamkin when the latter was in Columbia some time ago. And this is about how it went:

"Once upon a time, when Walter Hansen was coach at the College," Hickory reflected (probably as he crossed one knee and settled down in his easy chair) "we went down to Springfield to play the Drury College team in basketball. Our team had never boasted of a name, and we were called everything from Pedagogos to Ham-Fats. We just naturally didn't have an emblem, and it likely hadn't occurred to us that all of the better teams were adopting some kind of an animal for a mascot and using this animal's name as their team name."

"At any rate we went down to Springfield without any name, and likely without any great amount of basketball reputation. That was in the days when Dan Noe was the Drury coach."

Dan had a pretty good basketball team, and he likely figured that the school from way up north in the state wasn't so strong. "At any rate, he met our coach on the street the day of the game, and this is what he said: "Well, Walter, have you got your Fighting Bearcats all keyed up for the big game tonight?"

"And Hansen came back and told us, and we just adopted the name of Bearcats and it stuck."

That's all of the story that "Hickory" told. A glance into history does not tell of the game that night, but just to make the story all the better, it may be ventured that the Maryville team, with its new name, went into the game and won by an overwhelming score.

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The education books are used more than the other volumes in the Library, as 33 per cent of the books that go over the desk are of this type. Perhaps this is due to the fact that a large number of the classes in subjects of education, especially in the Freshman and Sophomore years at college.

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## Plan to Beautify College Campus Now Being Made

Vicinity of Gymnasium to be Made More Attractive—Many Trees and Flowers to Be Planted.

The College campus, long a place of beauty is to be made even more inviting, if plans now formulated are carried out in full. For the College has decided to take steps toward aiding nature in certain places on the College property and toward beautifying other places where nature has been neglected.

The planting of numerous trees, lines of shrubbery, and beds of flowers in the program which has been arranged by Mr. Withington, teacher of horticulture and landscape gardening at the College. The major part of these activities will be carried on in the neighborhood of the new gymnasium and along the main walk which leads from this building to the administration building.

A row of trees will be planted along the walk which leads from Fourth street to the main building. These trees will likely be Norway maples and will be planted about every forty feet. It is likely that filler trees of some rapid growing variety will be planted between the maples, making a tree every twenty feet from the street to the building. As the trees grow the filler ones will be taken up as their branches meet those of the more slowly-growing maples.

Around the gymnasium various varieties of shrubbery, perennial flowering plants and bulbs will be planted, and many trees will be planted around the building. Pin oaks will be planted for protection of the south windows of the gymnasium. All of the ground around the building will be leveled and planted in blue grass.

A workman has been busy since the beginning of the Christmas vacation pruning the trees along the walk through the campus to the main building. These trees have needed trimming for some time and the work is being done so that all will be uniform and will have their natural character and shape as much as possible. This work will be completed the last of this week.

and then, weather permitting, work on the other projects will be started.

Mr. Withington said that all shrubbery is to be planted densely so that it will have a beautifying look sooner. As the shrubbery grows it will be thinned to the right density.

The horticulture department is also improving the College nursery. A great deal of new shrubbery and young trees will be planted and it is hoped to have a continuous supply at all times. There are thirty-seven students taking this work, and the instructor is teaching them the propagation of plants, emphasizing when and where to plant each kind of shrub flower, and tree, and why to plant certain things in certain places.

## New Tournament Ruling Is Made by State Board

Northwest Missouri High School Cagers to Be Held at the College Gymnasium the Week-end of March 12.

Changes have been made in regulations for meets to be held under the Missouri High School Athletic Association. At a meeting of the board of control of the association recently in Kansas City, the following changes were made which will affect not only the state tourneys but those of the teachers college districts.

President Lamkin attended the meeting as a representative of the five Missouri teachers colleges, and C. L. Brewer, director of athletics at the University of Missouri, represented that institution.

It has been the policy of the teachers colleges for the last few years to send the winning basketball team of each district to Columbia to compete for the state title. This plan was altered at the Kansas City meeting, and in the future not only the district champion but also the district runner-up will be sent to the Columbia meet. This will mean that there will be sixteen teams in the tournament rather than the eight which usually compete.

St. Louis Is Now In

There are now eight districts in the state which are eligible to send teams to the tournament in Columbia. They are: the five teachers college districts, the south central district at Rolla, and Kansas City and St. Louis. The coming into the tournament of the St. Louis representatives will be a new thing this year. In the past it has been a ruling in that city that basketball teams compete nowhere outside the immediate vicinity of St. Louis. With the city champion at the state tournament, the meet will be a truly representative one and the winner will have no opposition for the state title. The state champion will have an opportunity to go to Chicago to compete as Missouri's representative in the national interscholastic tourney.

In the past, the teachers colleges have paid the entire expenses of the winning team to the tournament in Columbia. This year the five colleges will bear half of the expenses of the winner and runner-up, and these schools will have to bear half the expense of their teams.

The Northwest Missouri tournament (Continued on Page 4)

## Cagers Practice Last Week While Others Are Away

Bearcats Gain Much in Christmas Drills—New Uniforms Ordered for Home Games and on the Road.

While the majority of the students and faculty members have been basking in the sunshine of the Yuletide, the basketball squad of the College has been working daily in an effort to get into playing form before the opening of the season early this month.

While the other students were just getting well started on their vacation period the basketballers were on trains and in automobiles heading back for Maryville, and last Monday afternoon found them in uniform and ready for the week of practices before school reconvened.

The week has been basketball full for the squad. On Monday there was a fairly hard practice of two hours. On Tuesday there was a hard practice for two and a half hours. On Wednesday there was a harder practice for three hours. And every day since there has been an increase in the pace set by the coaches and followed by the aspirants for the team.

New Uniforms for Team

And while the players were getting themselves in shape for the season, a sporting goods manufacturer was making their new suits for this season. The Bearcats will have two sets of uniforms, one for at home and the other to be worn while they are on the road. The sweat shirts this year will be black, trimmed generously with green and white, the College colors. The trousers and shirts of the warm-up equipment will be made with zippers, and the collars on the shirts will "zip" into hoods, lined with green. The word "Maryville" will be on the back of the sweat shirts in white and numerals will be on both shirts and trousers in green.

The playing trousers will be of black trimmed in green. Green stockings will be worn, and part of the shoes are white and the rest are brown. While at home the Bearcats will wear white shirts with a black S. T. C. on the front and a green numeral on the back. This is prescribed by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association made up of the five state teachers colleges. While on the road the team will wear black shirts with white letters on the front and green numerals on the back.

Prospects Seem Good  
After having watched the Bearcats in practice this week, there can be no other thought than the fact that the College will have a good basketball team this year. It should be an even better team than last year, when the conference title was captured by the Green and White. But indications are that the other schools of the conference will also have stronger teams. Warrensburg, in particular, is being pointed out for conference honors, and Kirksville and Springfield are to be feared. The football season disclosed the fact that Don Faurot is being successful as a coach at Kirksville, and it must be remembered that basketball was Faurot's forte when he was an athlete at the University of Missouri.

No one, not even Coaches Lawrence and Jones, can tell the names of the men who will start the first game of the season for the Bearcats. The coaches are facing the problem this year of having about eight men, all of whom are about on a par. It is likely that Burks, Ungles, Berst, and Captain Joy, all of last year's team, will see much service this year, but to pick a fifth man would be a difficult assignment. Hedges, substitute forward last year, is showing a great deal of ability and willingness, while Ferguson is handling the ball with the ease of a veteran. Connors, Harris, Triggs, Lisle, and three or four others are about as good, so there you are.

Developing New Style  
Practice last week was centered around the development of a strong offense and defense, and it looks as though the coaches are going to reap successful rewards, for the entire squad worked with an enthusiasm of marked degree and much was accomplished. The Bearcat leaders have developed a new style of play for their men, and in scrimmage last week this style seemed to forecast success. It will be necessary to wait until the playing season opens before one can tell to just what degree the Bearcats will be successful in their new system.

The team is in good shape. If the players broke training to a marked (Continued on Page 5)

## Statistics on the Bearcats, College Basketball Players---

Here they are—the College basketballers. On the shoulders of these sixteen men rest the hopes of S. T. C., for another championship team to follow in the footsteps of the squad which last year captured the title in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. These sixteen men have been working daily for the last week in an effort to get in shape for the season which is just over the horizon. Prospects seem bright in view of the fact that four of last year's regulars are still with the squad. Only "Abie" Blomfield, giant center and

guard of last year, is missing, and in his place are found a half-dozen new men of ability. A glance at the table below will show everything concerning these basketball men except their ability to work as a team. Only the coming season will show that.

Name	Age	Weight	Height	Year in School	Team	Position Played	Parents Name	Address
Francis Edwards	19	158	5-8	Junior	2nd	Guard	Fred A. Edwards	Maitland, Mo.
Howard Iba	20	155	6-1½	Freshman	1st	Guard-Center	Henry Iba	Easton, Mo.
Jack Connor	20	150	5-8½	Sophomore	1st	Forward	Mrs. Jack Connor	Maitland, Mo.
Frank Orano	20	185	6-2	Junior	2nd	Center-Guard	Henry Orano	Clearmont, Mo.
Morris Chick	22	145	5-10	Junior	3rd	Forward	Mrs. E. H. Chick	Maryville, Mo.
Gordon Joy	22	190	5-9½	Senior	4th	Guard	L. A. Joy	Ravenwood, Mo.
Paul Burks	19	173	6-2	Sophomore	2nd	Forward	J. A. Burks	Pickering, Mo.
Orville Hedges	18	165	6-	Sophomore	2nd	Forward	W. R. Evalston	Conception Jct., Mo.
Howard Triggs	20	170	6-0½	Sophomore	1st	Guard	Mrs. E. H. Triggs	Rosendale, Mo.
Leon Ungles	20	148	5-8½	Sophomore	2nd	Forward	Roy Ungles	Maitland, Mo.
Riley Davison	21	145	5-7½	Sophomore	2nd	Forward	Lewis Davison	Rosendale, Mo.
Warren Max	19	160	5-7	Freshman	1st	Guard	D. L. Max	Rosendale, Mo.
Raymond Ferguson	19	165	6-2	Sophomore	2nd	Guard	Chas. Ferguson	Burlington Jct., Mo.
John Lisle	18	142	5-9	Freshman	1st	Forward	John Lisle	Easton, Mo.
Lloyd Harris	22	179	6	Senior	1st	Guard	Mrs. Randolph Shauer	Jackson, Mo.
Donald Berst	22	190	6-1	Senior	2nd	Center	The Rev. S. D. Berst	Coulterville, Ill.



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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will revere and obey the College laws and do our best to inculcate a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

## THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION

There is not a great cause for worry in the report to the General Assembly by the State Tax Commission. While the body cut the budget of the College almost in half, it is more than likely that the legislators will turn around and give the school more money than was allowed on the budget of the commission.

The tax commissioners face the problem of means for all state institutions out of a limited revenue. A dollar to appropriate among ten institutions, institutions ask for twenty cents, three has to be.

It is usually the case that the schools of the budgets for almost as much money as is allowed state institutions. Such was the case this year, perhaps, tax commission had to divide the money as best it saw fit.

But the Legislature won't let this College or any other in Missouri suffer if it can prevent it. The University of Missouri appropriation was cut from six million dollars to less than two million. Of course, it would be impossible for the university to operate on a million dollars a year. And the legislature will realize this and appropriate more money than the commission recommended.

And this will be the case in connection with the College. While the institution may not receive all the money asked for in its budget, it will certainly get more than the tax commission recommended. The commission isn't to blame. It has just so much money to appropriate and it does the best it can.

So, don't do a lot of useless worrying. This school will carry and will continue to grow.

## A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

Steps are now under way to make the College campus even more beautiful. The College is about to spend a large amount of money on the project. The most beautiful college campus in the state is the goal. And every student and faculty member and towns person can take part in the movement.

Students and others who frequent the campus cannot take an active part in the planting of shrubbery or the pruning of trees, but they can assist to a marked degree in keeping the campus in a clean and presentable manner. When one person cuts across the campus at random in order to save a few steps another will follow him. Soon a path will be worn, and time alone can erase this streak of beaten down sward. But had the first person followed the regular walk the second would not have followed him.

Someone sees someone else throw an empty cigarette package, a candy wrapper, a piece of paper on the campus. He follows suit, and soon the campus is dotted with paper and littered with trash. Had the first person cast his waste paper into a proper container in any of the College buildings, no precedent would have been established.

These things are little things. So is a raindrop, yet enough raindrops have made a road slippery enough that a car has skidded and people have been killed.

These are thoughtless things. No thought entered the mind of the first person to cut across the campus or to throw his waste paper on the grass. But he made way for a habit of his own and a precedent for his neighbor to follow.

Let's help the College to make our campus more beautiful.

## HAVE YOU RESOLVED?

Have you made your new year's resolution? Have you decided just what you are going to stop doing during 1927, and what you are going to make a practice of during the year? Have you a list of resolutions as long as a clothesline, all written out and posted over your study table? If you have, the chances are ten to one that you'll never keep them. The probability is great that the list posted over your table will accumulate quantities of dust between the times you look at it.

The big trouble now-a-days is that too many of us spend all of our time making resolutions and none of it keeping them. We take our new year's spirit in too large a dose. Filled with a zealous desire to turn over about a dozen new leaves, we choke our good intentions to death on an oversized dose, when we should have taken a tablespoon full.

If the average human made one good resolution each year and kept it, this old world would soon be a paradise. Because humanity isn't so bad after all. This generation isn't any worse than the one before it, and just a mild amount of remedy is all that is needed.

So, if you've made a list of resolutions which bulges your

pocket when you carry it, just tear the darn thing up and make one little old resolution and keep it.

Then, next year make another, and before you've reached the three score and ten allotted you, you'll be ten times good if you've kept one good resolution a year.

## THE SAME OLD WHEEZE

Here comes the same old wheeze.

Every year there are at least three times when the boy orators of every school and the girl pepsters of every school wear out their fists pounding the table to the tune of "Support our team."

And this is just a little more of the same, in a different way. If you are always a loyal supporter and can conscientiously say so, then you don't have to read farther, but can skip to something else. For this is meant primarily for the person who is always commenting on the team but who in reality doesn't know a hang about the players and less about the game.

In the first place, you owe it to yourself to know your team and the game it is playing. You aren't being fair with yourself if you don't know both of these things. You may pop up with the argument that you don't like the sport. That's not a very good line of argument, and it probably means that you don't know anything about it.

Now, here's the thing about it. This is your school and it is your team. When the team plays, it is playing for you. It is representing you. If you don't support it, how can you fairly criticize it if it does not live up to your expectations.

If there is anybody who has a right to say anything about a team it is the person who follows it, who sees every game at home and keeps the telephone hot finding out how the games away from home came out. He is the person who has a right to say what he wishes. But you haven't, if you aren't this person.

It has been argued that the student body should attend the games more often, and so it should. Just make a habit of going to the gymnasium once a week to watch the practice. If every student did this, there would be a fine little crowd of spectators at each practice. And it would be worth your while. During the vacation just over some fifty persons attended each daily practice, and there was a lot of fun to it. Most of these persons learned something about the game of basketball, too, for the College has a good squad this year, and the practice scrimmages are lively affairs.

But this is the most important thing. If you were a member of a society and you sent a proxy to vote for you and to represent you in every capacity, you would instruct him how to act. The basketball team is your proxy. Your coaches have instructed it how to act. Either you stand by your team or move along. If you don't do all in your power to make it a winning team and a fighting team, you haven't a word to say.

Throw away your hammer and get behind and push. Then, while you're pushing, you may say what you will.

## WHAT ABOUT THE SOCIETIES

There is a lot of talk now to the effect that the College literary societies are on the down grade. There is much rumor on foot that they are on their last legs. It has been said that the students are losing interest in them.

And that's deplorable. But maybe it isn't true. It seems that there are still a loyal few who are doing their all to keep the literary societies an important part of the school life. And this few deserves no end of commendation. We cannot afford to let this side of school life drop out of our College. To do so would be to admit that we are getting one-sided.

The literary society affords many things which cannot be gotten elsewhere in school. The active student body is not willing to let these things pass.

Perhaps you are not willing to let the literary societies slide away. If so, you must help. There is a period every Thursday reserved for their meetings. Take advantage of it. Be fair, and at the same time help yourself to be broader.

## THEY SHALL NOT BE CHANGED

The Student Council has ruled that there be no changes or alterations in the school colors and that there be no substitution for the name of Bearcats when speaking of the athletic teams of the school.

Some say it was a wise move and others say it was not. It seems that there are two sides to the question of changing the colors and only one side to the subject of changing the emblem or nickname. In the latter case, the arguments for the change do not seem to be strong enough to justify it, and the ruling of the council was good.

The governing body of the students also likely ruled well in regard to voting down the addition of black to the College colors, but the Council or anyone else is more or less in error in attempting to dictate just what and what shall not be the color of playing equipment for the athletic teams. That honor sweaters shall remain green with white letters is good, but the proposition of adding black to playing equipment to make it more usable and more wearable is a matter which should be left up to the athletic department or to the intercollegiate athletic committee.

It is well and good to preserve tradition at almost any cost, but it is foolish to make an issue out of a matter when one side calls for common sense and the other calls for a false sense of school memories.

If Coach Lawrence or his athletic committee wants the Bearcats to wear red, white, and blue striped football helmets, the Student Council shouldn't interfere. Because if Mr. Lawrence wasn't supposed to know what was best in that line he wouldn't be retained by the board of regents.

It's just a case of the fact that some things should be decided by diplomats and others by warriors.

## Ballade of The Average Reader

I try to touch the public taste,  
For thus I earn my daily bread.  
I try to write what folks will paste  
In scrap books after I am dead.  
By public craving I am led,  
(I' sooth, a most despotic leader.)  
Yet, though I write for Tom and Ned,  
I've never seen an average reader.  
The Editor is good and chaste,

But says: (Above the public's head;  
This is too good; 'twill go to waste.  
Write something commonplace—  
Ed.)  
Write for the average reader, fed  
By pre-digested near-food's feeder,  
But though my high ideals have fled,  
I've never seen an average reader.

How many lines have been erased!  
How many fancies have been shed!  
How many failures might be traced  
To this—this average reader—  
dread!

I've seen an average single bed;  
I've seen an average garden weed;  
I've seen an average cotton thread—  
I've never seen an average reader.

L'Envoi  
Most of readers if you've read  
The works of any old scribe,  
You know that he, too, must have said:  
"I've never seen an Average Reader."

FRANKLIN P. ADAMS  
(The Bookman)

23 girls have been entered in the 1927 "Savitar" Queens' Contest, year-book of Missouri University. Six of the number will be elected as queens by some nationally known authority on pulchritude, but they will not be announced until the Savitar Queens' Ball in May.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES  
The National Student Federation will meet at Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 3-4. Discussion is to center around prohibition and various school problems.

The University of Wisconsin is the first university to offer dancing as a major course in its curriculum. The aim of the course is to develop personality and appreciation of art through dancing.

Students at the University of North Carolina recently asked the faculty to provide a course in the social, economic, and psychological aspects of marriage.

Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, has started a campaign to raise \$50,000 for a new girl's dormitory. An unusual feature of the drive is that it will be conducted by women, and only women will be solicited.

"He's lost his head!" exclaimed a spectator at the guillotine.—Ex.

The National Y. W. Student Conference will meet at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 28 to January 1. The central theme will be, "What resources has Jesus for Life in Our World?" 3000 students are expected to attend.

Arkansas University has abolished compulsory convocation attendance. From now on, annual convocation programs are to be published and given to the students so that they will know what to expect during the year.

Professor James E. Cox, A. M. Litt. D., head of the Drury College English Department, has recently written and published a book, "The Rise of Sentimental Comedy."

A small riot recently occurred at Kansas University in connection with the annual observance of "Hobo Day." Students were pushed downstairs by

indignant professors, while the "old-fashioned slap" was frequently indulged in. The students retaliated by emptying grocery carts, following with a shower of eggs, butter, and fresh vegetables.

Iowa University has adopted a modified form of Oxford honor system, which permits students to cut classes, being responsible only for required work. Examinations are given at the end of the year.—Ark. Traveller.  
—Southwest Standard

The University of Florida has a \$50,000 organ in its auditorium.

Each student enrolled in Stanford University is required to make out an honor system pledge, agreeing to withdraw from the university if he violates it.

George Sisler deposed playing manager of the St. Louis Browns, positively will play first base for that club next summer, says Don Howley, his successor as pilot. Although reports have had Sisler slated to go to the Athletics, Howley says that "Sisler wants to stick—and where could I find a better man?"

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## High School Notes

### Gilman Defeats "Ducks"

The Gilman City girls basketball team was accompanied by Coach Dunn to Trenton, Dec. 10, where they played one of the fastest games of the season in the Junior College gymnasium.

It seems that the Trenton girls were a little over-confident after the first quarter was over, the score, 8-0 in their favor, but the Gilman girls hadn't quite gotten in the spirit of the game.

In the second quarter every girl on the team was on her toes. Trenton was left in the dust and the score stood 7-11 still in favor of Trenton. The Gilman girls went back on the court in the second half with every determination to play real ball. The score at the end of the third quarter was 13-14 in favor of Gilman.

By this time Trenton had lost their heads and shot wildly in every direction, while Gilman made every pass sure and every goal count. On the game went until the final whistle blew, the score stood 17-18 in favor of Gilman.

The musical students of G. H. S. presented an operetta "The Gypsy Rover", Friday night, Dec. 16, under the direction of Miss Thompson, music supervisor. "The Gypsy Rover", a three act musical comedy is built around the character of Rob, later known as Sir Gilbert Howe, of English nobility. Rob is stolen when an infant, by his nurse, Meg, who later becomes the wife of Marto, a gypsy. Rob grows to manhood among the gypsies believing Meg and Marto to be his parents.

Lady Constance Martendale while riding with her fiancée, Lord Craven becomes lost in the woods. They wander to the gypsy camp where Constance and Rob meet and fall in love at first sight. In act II, Rob goes to the home of Constance and serenades her. They plan to elope but they are overheard by Craven who informs Sir Geo. Martendale. Rob is captured and thrown into prison, but later escapes.

Two years elapse and Rob has come into his estates, his identity having been proved by Meg. He becomes a successful composer. Constance remains true to her love for Rob, and has never married. On Rob's return to England, he woos and wins her for his wife. The fairy story ended in the proper way "they lived happily ever after."

The costumes were very beautiful, especially those for the Bridal Chorus. Eight different colors were represented in making a beautiful color combination. Two leading parts were played by Anna Mary Dunn and William Orum.

Mr. Lueddecke, Supt., painted the scenery necessary for the proper stage setting.

Five senior State Letter Men of G. H. S. hiked to Trenton and back, Dec. 15 to obtain credits on a Super State Letter. The distance, 40 miles, was covered in 8 hours and 30 minutes. The boys making the trip were Charles Misner, Eugene Bartlett, Donald Jones, Philip Plitey, and Wilton Nighswonger. The latter has obtained a Super Letter.

Blondell Wagoner and Wilton Nighswonger represented G. H. S. in debating this year. The first debate was held at Coffey, Gilman having the negative. Gilman won the decision of the judges.

The second debate was held at Gilman with Bethany. Gilman was given the unanimous decision by the judges.

The last district debate was held at Gilman against Martinsville, Saturday, Dec. 18. Gilman upheld the negative side of the question, Gilman was again victorious having received a unanimous decision by the judges.

Gilman is the victor in the State league in the first quadrangle.

### Union Star Wins Debate

The Union Star High School debating team, George Clay and Burnis Fredrick won the debate with Osborn which was held at Union Star Thursday night December sixteenth, by a vote of two to one.

The question debated upon was "Resolved, that our adherence to the Permanent Court of International Justice the World Court, under the conditions, approved by the United States Senate, January 27, 1926, is a wise public policy." The Union Star team maintained that the adherence to the World Court is a wise policy.

The features of the debate were the effective delivery of both members of the Union Star team and the good rebuttal given by the Union Star boys.

The Union Star team ranks second in the county with two victories and one defeat. Maysville, the team that defeated Union Star, ranks first with three victories and no defeats. This is Union Star's first year of debating.

The Union Star team has entered the district debating league. Their first debate in this league will be with Martinsville, January eighteenth.

The freshmen class of Union Star, gave a splendid sewing exhibit, Thursday night, Dec. 19, in the west basement of the school house. The people that came to the debate went down to the sewing room and viewed the

many beautiful articles, which have been made this year.

Each member of the class had all the articles she had made in a separate group. The articles were hung on a line around the wall. There were many beautiful pillow cases, gowns, pillows, aprons, luncheon cloths, and caps.

Many compliments were passed on the excellent work the girls are doing and on the interest which their teacher, Miss Wilkerson, takes in the work.

## Cagers Practice

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degree over their short Christmas vacation, it was not noticed after the first day of resumed practice. All men on the squad seem to have a great deal of reserve strength, and the long practice periods have not told on them.

Some of the players experienced blistered feet at first, but these are callous now, and the situation looks rosy. The big trouble now will be to keep the fans from expecting too much until they see other teams in action. It is unfair to expect a string of victories before the strength of the opposition is known.

## Society

Several society and club meetings were not held this week because of the Christmas vacation not ending until Tuesday morning. The College dramatics club was scheduled to meet Tuesday night, but there will be no meeting until the corresponding night next week. The religious organizations will also hold their regular meetings next Tuesday morning. The literary societies are scheduled to meet as usual tomorrow afternoon.

### ABANDON BOBBED HAIR

Vassar College girls are abandoning bobbed hair in all its forms and returning to long tresses as soon as nature will permit. The change in hair dressing style amounts almost to a stampede, according to the beauty shops catering to the college trade. While there are some who declare they always will cling to the mannish cut, the swing back to braids is sweeping. Hair dressers attribute the sudden shift to the impression among the girls that the bob is too common, as they express it.

### SPORT BRIEFS

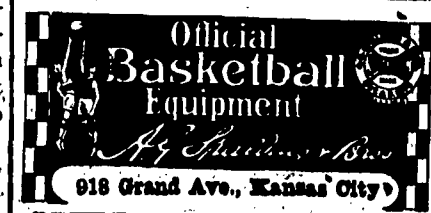
When Rockne's Ramblers from Notre Dame returned from their game with the University of Southern California last Saturday they were met at every stop, with the exception of Lincoln, Neb., by an enthusiastic crowd. At Lincoln a few people were at the station and booed them. The Notre Dame team is thoroughly disliked in Lincoln because of the criticism which Rockne has directed at Lincoln fans.

Alabama, Stanford, and Lafayette are the three major undefeated and untied teams in the country. After the Jan. 1 clash only one or two will have a clear record.

William Tilden, former world's tennis champion is in Kansas City training Junior Cohen for a trip to Europe on a tennis tour soon. The two will play as double partners at Wimbledon.

Seldom do two players make every all-American selection. But that is the honor accorded Frank Wickhorst, Navy tackle, and "Babe" Connaughton, 285-pound Georgetown guard, who have made every all-American selection which has appeared. Bonny Friedman, Michigan quarterback, has missed only one or two choices of importance.

"Mumble a sentence with velvet in it."  
"Oi, it's you Morris. Velvet what you want?"



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## College To Take Part In Debate

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develops team work, and raises the general level of forensic ability of the school.

### Teachers Will Help

Mr. Wells, Mr. Cook, Mr. Foster, Mr. Wallin and Miss Eastman are prepared to help the students in every way and will be glad to have debaters consult with them any time.

Mr. Wells has compiled an extensive bibliography on both questions and is collecting material for the files.

Part of the schedule is now complete. March 11, Central at Maryville, March 12, at Turko. Maryville at Peru. March 23, Omaha at Maryville. The same schedule will be carried out with the Teachers Colleges that was used last year.

Those now working on debates are: Mrs. Mary Esther O'Banion, Burdette Yeo, Earl Wyman, Leland Medsker,

W. K. Swisher, Charles Zapf, Fred Street, F. W. Null, Homer Needles Byron Beavers, Guy Canady and Clarence Bush.

Awards will be made as they were last year, a key designed by the Art Department of the College. Do you want to wear one of these keys? If you do then spend that extra hour in the library working on one of the questions of debate.

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Sommtings als, like dees:  
A boil on de stuvv  
Is wolt on de kneek;  
A teep from de het  
Is wolt two to de vaiter;  
A creech in de flurr  
Is wolt two een de faec;  
A wrep hon de buddy  
Is wolt two hon de chin;  
A treep to de contry  
Is wolt two uvver de koppet;  
A kees hon de leeps  
Is wolt two heen Woolwoit's;  
A keeck heen dees colum  
Is wolt two heen de sheens;  
A cott by de printer's  
Is wolt two een de hend;  
A sock hon de foot  
Is wolt two een de juzz;  
Ultso a slem of de durr  
Is wolt two een de juzz;  
A k-neck on de durr  
Is wolt two een de reddetoor;  
A bust een de gollry  
Is wolt two een de nuzz;  
A box on de shellu  
Is wolt two hon de irriz;  
A ponch een de bowl  
It wolt two from a kinducturr;  
A pane een de vinder  
Is wolt two een de stomnick;  
A brake hon de hottimobelle  
Is wolt two heen de kneek;  
Und a pat hon de beek  
Is wolt two heen Hireland.  
I tynking you.

LOOY DOT DOPE.

## Tax Body Slices College Budget

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mends appropriations for these institutions totaling \$5,191,167. They received \$4,421,900 during the 1925-1926 biennial period. The one-third of general revenue, appropriated by law for apportionment to the public schools is estimated at \$7,121,900.

**Others Are Out Also**  
Requests and recommendations of other state educational institutions follow:  
Kirksville State Teachers College

Capo Girardou Teachers' College asked \$629,660, budget, \$372,500; Springfield Teachers' College asked \$784,701, budget, \$450,208; Warrensburg Teachers' College asked \$1,047,789, budget \$400,000; Missouri School of Mines at Rolla asked \$1,227,250, budget, \$442,000; School of Blind at St. Louis asked \$268,000, budget, \$141,500; Lincoln University for negroes at Jefferson City asked \$625,000, budget, \$193,000; School for Deaf at Fulton asked \$611,100, budget, \$391,820.

The eleemosynary institutions at Fulton, St. Joseph, Nevada, Farmington and Marshall asked a total of \$3,806,196, from the general revenues, a large part of it for new buildings, but the commission recommended a total of \$879,200. However, it was recommended that \$4,400,000 be appropriated from earnings, representing payments by the counties for support of patients for maintenance of the hospitals.

## New Tournament Ruling Is Made

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will be held in Maryville on March 10-11-12, and the state tournament will be held in Columbia a week later. All basketball teams in this district will be asked to compete in the Maryville tournament, but all members who compete must be members of the state high school athletic association, since the Maryville tournament is an elimination affair for the state tourney.

As usual, teams competing in the tournament here, will be divided into two classes, and the class winners will play for the district title. In other words, Class A and Class B champions will be sent to Columbia from Maryville.

There will be a consolation finals between second place teams in each class for third place in the Northwest Missouri tournament. This team will act as alternate and will be sent to Columbia in case either of the class champions cannot attend the state tournament.

Information concerning the district tournament will be mailed to all schools in this section of the state in the near future. An effort will be made to have a record number of teams entered in the tournament. The College will give trophies to the winning teams, and, as usual, will provide entertainment for the players while they are in Maryville.

### WANTED: GOOD, CLEAN HUMOR

What the American people need is good, clean, wholesome humor.

Whether awards would serve to bring out better humor is a question. Humor is a spontaneous thing, bubbling from the mind of its creator, or it isn't humorous. It is hardly possible to sit down and write a learned essay. But the diagnosis is good and the suggestion for a "cure" might be worth trying.

As a people, Americans know a joke when they hear it. And they don't have to wait until the next day to arrive at a conclusion as to what it is about or what point it carries. Through their daily contacts a wealth of this humor is created, gets a smile or a laugh, and then is lost. For most of our fun is of the passing, verbal kind. It is in the writing down of our humor that we fail. When we put pen to paper or fingers to typewriter we feel that we must be serious. The result is that while we are humorous with the spoken word, the volume of our written humor is small.—The Milwaukee Journal.

Dear-Editor:

I'm an agriculturist, by heck. How kin I keep 'em down on the farm, by cracky?

Hiram N. Firam.

Dear H. N. F.:

Hypnotize, stupify, mesmerize, wrestle bind, lasso and tether 'em. If that doesn't work consult Cal.

## Pierre Paul Robert Jones, Third, Arrives

Eight-Pound Son, Born to Coach and Mrs. Jones the Day Before Christmas, Last Year.

Santa Claus gave an expensive Christmas present to Coach and Mrs. Jones. The day before Christmas, "Pete" and his wife were presented with a fine young son, weighing eight pounds.

Mary Jane, the 3-year-old big sister of the young gentleman, had been clamoring for a little baby brother for a Christmas present. When her wish was granted, she was almost as happy as the father and mother.

The young gentleman has been named after his grandfather, and incidentally, his father too. He is Pierre Paul Robert Jones, the third.

### RECOVERING RAPIDLY



Mrs. Perrin, who was operated upon a short time before Christmas at the St. Francis hospital in Maryville, is rapidly recovering and expects to be back in her office by next week.

Mrs. Perrin had just returned from a visit in Oklahoma with her son, Charles A. Perrin of Paris France, when she was taken ill and removed to the hospital. Her rapid recovery is considered miraculous by a large number of persons.

The warm weather of the last week has greatly benefited Mrs. Perrin in the fact that she has been able to take a ride almost daily in a motor car and she expects to be out walking within the next several days.

### HABIT BUILDING

From Children Magazine

"The way to build character in our children—and in ourselves, is to build habits of truth-telling and of honesty, habits of thoughtfulness and of industry; and we wish to build these habits so strongly that when the proper time comes, the truth will be spoken, honesty will prevail, consideration will be had, industry will go on. It is the habit that does the good work. Habits, then, are ways of behaving that run themselves.

The Girl Friend—So glad to see you, I've just finished my beauty sleep.  
The Boy Friend—I must be a little early, don't you want to get some more?

## Try These Games On Your Youngsters When You Get to Teaching School

### BASEBALL ARITHMETIC

For this game cards about four by six inches are needed. Upon these should be written the tables from the two to the twelves, one card reading 12x2, another 9x6, and so on. The diagram for bases is the same as that used on a real baseball diamond. The "pitcher" from one "team" shuffles the cards and reads a card. The "batter" from the opposing side, who stands on the home plate, must quickly give the correct answer. If he fails to do so, he must take his seat, and that counts as one "out" for his team.

If three batters make an out, the side is out, and the next team takes its turn. However, if the batter answers correctly three times in succession, he takes first base and another follows. If three are already on bases and a fourth makes his base and a fourth makes his base, the one on third base takes his seat, making one score for the team. The teacher acts as scorekeeper and umpire. As many innings may be played as she wishes to allow time for.

### BLACKBOARD RELAY

Let there be an even number of children in each row. At a given signal the first child in each row runs to the blackboard and writes a figure or number. He runs back and touches off the next child in his row, who races up and places another figure. Each child does this except the last child in each row, who adds the column or line of figures. The row first finishing, with answer correct, wins.

### Variations

1. Examples in subtraction, division or multiplications may be given in the same way, every third child working the example.

2. The teacher may place on the board, or dictate, an example or problem for each relay. In this case the row which has the greatest number of correct answers wins.

Neatness must be required in this

game. A system of scoring, giving credits for accuracy, speed and neatness, is sometimes desirable.

### MULTIPLICATION FOOTBALL

On the blackboard is a drawing representing the regular football field which is one hundred yards long and is marked off at ten-yard intervals. The spaces representing ten yards are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. To drill on the multiplication tables the teacher gives a child a pointer and tells him to carry his ball down the field for a touchdown. He points to 1 and says "1x4 equal 4; 2x4 equal 8," etc. If he reaches the goal without a mistake, he makes a touchdown, which counts six.

Each pupil is given a chance with the different tables and then all figure their scores from the record of touchdowns they have made. This may also be played as a team game, the team which has the largest number of points being winner.

### Truth is Stronger Than Fiction

A group of professional men had gathered at Hick's Hotel. They proceeded to get acquainted.

"My name is Fortesque," said one, extending his hand. "I'm a painter, work chiefly on water colors."

"Indeed," said another, "I'm an artist, too, I work in bronze."

"Well, this is fine, a third broke in, 'I'm a sculptor, I work in stone.'"

Then a quiet little fellow stepped up and said, "Glad to know you gentlemen. I have a common interest with you. I'm a teacher at the College. I work in ivory."

Well! Well!

Bill Shapiro gave a talk in Public Speaking the other day. The outstanding criticism on his speech was that he said "well" too many times.

Cheer up, Bill. Those "wells" kept your speech from being dry.

### Not a Cat

"How often does your road kill a man?" asked the traveling salesman of the railroad conductor.

"Just once," was the gruff reply.

### Anatomy

Lillian Morgan (instore): I want to see some mirrors."

Clerk: "Hand mirrors?"

L. M.: "No. The kind you see your face in."

It seems that a man's father died, and they wanted to break the news gently to his son. So they appointed a man who claimed he would do so. He went to the son's house and knocked at the door.

Son—Who is it?

Man—George Washington.

Son—George Washington? Why he's dead.

Man—So's your old man.

Teacher—Name three strong nouns. Willie—Onions, garlic and limburg-er."

### Brutus, the Dentist

Miss Shafer: "Can anyone tell me what Julius Caesar said when Brutus stabbed him?"

Voice: "Ouch!"

Little Willie applied at the grounds of a circus for a job. He was informed that he could become a lion tamer, and all he had to do was to walk into the cage and make the lions eat out of his hand. He was told that the whole secret was in making the lions believe that he was not afraid of them.

"No," said Willie, "I don't think I want the job. I couldn't be so deceitful."

A commercial traveler asked a Pullman porter the amount of his average tip. The negro replied that the average amount was \$1.00, and the traveler handed him a dollar. The porter caressed the silver coin affectionately and said: "Yessah, boss, but you is de fust pushon wait has come up to the average." Ex.

"Are you positive the defendant was intoxicated?" queried the magistrate.

"No doubt," growled the officer.

"Why are you so almighty certain?"

"Well, anyhow," replied the policeman he put a cent in the patrol box and looking up at the town clock, he

groaned, "Hie, I've lost 14 pounds."

## Regents Hold Meeting During the Holidays

Routine Matters Connected With End of Biennial Period for the Institution Are Discussed.

Routine matters attending the closing of a biennial period were taken up at a meeting of the College Board of Regents in St. Joseph last week. January 1 marked the beginning of a new two-year period for the school, and there were several matters which called for attention before 1926 passed away.

In line with the opening of the new period, the board discussed the proposed appropriation for the College for 1927-28 and the action of the state tax commission was discussed. The report of this body had not been made public but the budget of the College for the next two years was discussed by the board.

The Maryville store of the Tolles Clothing Company has changed to the Great Western Clothing Company. The personnel of the new company will remain the same as was formerly, Frank, Tom and Ikey.

### JUST A MINUTE

Northwestern University and Oberlin College have both taken steps to attract more men to their campus. At Northwestern University a new law has been passed providing that there must be 450 men for every 350 women.

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